FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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USDA CANNED BONED POULTRY PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-225, as amended, for canned boned poultry in 29-ounce cans for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

As announced by the Department on August 27, purchases of canned boned poultry will continue to create a much-needed market for light spent fowl meat, which is produced from egg-type laying hens. Therefore, offers will be invited from the trade for an additional purchase of canned boned poultry in 29-ounce (822 g) cans. Product must be produced under the Commodity Specification for Canned Boned Poultry dated November 1998 and Amendment No. 1. However, canned boned poultry must be produced from light fowl (4.5 pounds or less) meat only.

Invitation No. 041, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Nov. 26, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Nov. 30, for product to be delivered from Jan. 16 to Jan. 31, 2002. Subsequent invitations may be issued, as needed.

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended; Announcement PY-225, as amended; Appendix-1; and the Commodity Specification for Canned Boned Poultry dated November 1998 and Amendment No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch Stop 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

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